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[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Vessels from Cuban, Mexican, and Central American ports inspected at Reedy Island Quarantine.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., December 16, 1900.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report that the following vessels from Cuban, Mexican, and Central American ports were inspected at this station during the week ended December 15, 1900: December 12, 1900, steamship *Tyr*, from Martinique via Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf. December 14, 1900, schooner *Jennie G. Pillsbury*, from Baracoa, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Dr. Lores Llorens, quarantine officer.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Vessels inspected at Juneau, Alaska, for the week ended December 1, 1900.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, *December 1, 1900.*

SIR: For the week ended December 1, I have inspected and passed steamship *Farallon* and steamer *Ruth*, bound from Skaguay to Port Townsend.

Respectfully,

SAML. C. LEONHARDT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., December 12—Concerning rumor of yellow fever near the Mexican border.—In compliance with instructions from your office, December 5, 1900, I have made the necessary investigation, and have the honor and satisfaction to state that the report is false in every particular as far as the northern border of Texas is concerned.

Almost every officer, conductor, and other employee of the Mexican Central Railroad running into El Paso is American and nine-tenths of them have their families here, and I am pleased to state that these men always inform me if any passenger is on their train with suspicious symptoms of any kind, or if any passenger stops on their division with any kind of contagious disease.

I inspect passengers carefully arriving on the Mexican Central Railroad, and such as arrive from ports reported to be infected, I detain for observation to enable me to ascertain their temperature, and in every such case I disinfect their baggage, etc.

Of late we have had several frosts and I have no apprehension in allowing passengers to pass who show a normal temperature within twenty-four and thirty-six hours.

Early in the season I caused it to be known over the whole Mexican Central Railroad system that a strict quarantine would be enforced at this point, and to this I attribute the fact that there has been so little trouble here.

Most all passengers arriving here from Tampico and south of the City of Mexico are supplied with certificates from the United States consul, or practicing physicians in Mexico well known to me, saying that they have been absent from the infected points from five to ten days.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Laredo, Tex., December 18, 1900—Inspection service.—I have the honor to submit the following inspection report for week ending December 15, 1900: Number of passenger trains from Mexico inspected and entered, 14; number of persons inspected and allowed entry on passenger trains from Mexico, 434; number of pieces of soiled Pullman linen disinfected, 4,467.

H. J. HAMILTON,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

CALIFORNIA—*Oakland.*—Month of November, 1900. Estimated population, 75,000. Total number of deaths, 86, including measles, 1, and 18 from tuberculosis.

IOWA—*Dubuque.*—Month of November, 1900. Estimated population, 38,000. Total number of deaths, 33. No deaths from contagious diseases reported.

MASSACHUSETTS—*Lawrence.*—Month of November, 1900. Census population of 1900, 62,559. Total number of deaths, 89, including diphtheria, 2; scarlet fever, 1, and 10 from tuberculosis.

Worcester.—Month of November, 1900. Census population of 1900, 118,421. Total number of deaths, 164, including diphtheria, 7; enteric fever, 2; scarlet fever, 5, and 18 from tuberculosis.

Reports to the State board of health, Lansing, for the week ended December 15, 1900, from 69 observers, indicate that smallpox was more prevalent and intermittent fever, remittent fever, and erysipelas less prevalent, than in the preceding week. Cerebro-spinal meningitis was reported present at 4, whooping cough at 10, measles at 16, diphtheria at 36, scarlet fever at 91, enteric fever at 130, phthisis pulmonalis at 149, and smallpox at 34 places.

NEW YORK—*Kingston.*—Month of November, 1900. Census population of 1900, 24,535. Total number of deaths, 29, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 1; scarlet fever, 1, and 1 from tuberculosis.

Rochester.—Month of November, 1900. Census population of 1900, 162,435. Total number of deaths, 143, including diphtheria, 11; enteric fever, 5; scarlet fever, 1; whooping cough, 1, and 22 from tuberculosis.

OHIO—*Findlay.*—Month of November, 1900. Estimated population, 17,613. Total number of deaths, 23, including diphtheria, 1; enteric fever, 5, and 2 from tuberculosis.

PENNSYLVANIA—*Oil City.*—Month of November, 1900. Census population of 1900, 13,600. Total number of deaths, 13, including 1 from tuberculosis.

UTAH—*Salt Lake City.*—Month of November, 1900. Estimated population, 70,000. Total number of deaths, 58, including diphtheria, 2; enteric fever, 3, and 3 from tuberculosis.

VIRGINIA—*Roanoke.*—Month of November, 1900. Census population of 1900, 21,495. Total number of deaths, 29, including 6 from tuberculosis.